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Subject: DEQ Accepts Public Comment on Stormwater Guidance for Cleanup Sites
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We are sending this message out today to Portland Harbor, Columbia Slough and general Cleanup Program interest lists. We have also asked staff to share it with any other parties that might be interested. Please do so yourself - and if you have any questions or comments, please let me know!

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DEQ Accepts Informal Public Comment on Proposed Stormwater Guidance for Cleanup Sites

DEQ has developed a draft guidance document for conducting a stormwater pathway evaluation at cleanup sites. DEQ is accepting public comments through June 30, 2008. After that time, DEQ will consider all comments received and incorporate them into the document where appropriate. DEQ is not planning to prepare a Response to Comments.

The guidance document can be viewed or downloaded from DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/pubs/reports.htm#Review>

In large part, the guidance stems from DEQ's source control work in Portland Harbor and the Columbia Slough where sediment recontamination from stormwater discharges is a significant concern. However, the stormwater pathway may require investigation at other cleanup sites, so this guidance has been developed for DEQ's statewide Cleanup Program.

A stormwater evaluation may need to be conducted when there is reason to believe that a site's stormwater discharges have caused or are likely to cause an accumulation of contaminants in sediment, water column or aquatic biota that exceed levels protective of human or ecological receptors. The sources of contaminants may include contamination resulting from historic releases or past practices (including contaminants that have accumulated in stormwater catch basins or pipes) and contaminants arising from current, ongoing practices.

This guidance document describes a process for conducting a stormwater pathway evaluation at cleanup sites. Specifically, the purpose of this guidance is to:

- help determine when a stormwater evaluation is needed
- describe the basic site information needed to conduct a stormwater evaluation
- describe acceptable sampling procedures for screening stormwater

discharges

- provide contaminant screening values for assessing potential threats to waterbodies from stormwater discharges and determining source control needs
- help determine whether stormwater source control measures are necessary
- provide information on source control measures and Best Management Practices (BMPs) that can be used to address legacy and ongoing sources of contamination
- determine when sufficient information for a DEQ Stormwater Source Control Decision has been collected

Please direct your questions about the document and submit your comments to:

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Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail. Comments must be received by 4:00 PM on June 30, 2008 to be considered.

The guidance document is expected to be revised and finalized by September 2008, and posted on the DEQ Cleanup Program guidance web page at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/pubs/reports.htm#Cleanup>.